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Kazansky

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1. [REDACTED] Archimandrite Kazansky had arrived in Beirut. The Lebanese Sureté had previously received a visa application for him, a priest from Moscow. 25X1X
2. Archimandrite Kazansky is to take Simeon Nikitin's place as priest of the Conventual Church of the Moscow Patriarchate.
3. [REDACTED] "Archimandrite Sergias," was sent to Beirut in answer to a petition signed by Archbishop Ilya Karam of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as by members of the Soviet Patriotic Group, asking for a Soviet priest. 25X1X
4. On 12 May the Soviet Patriotic Group gave a dinner in honor of Archimandrite Kazansky at Feodor Shulika's apartment.* In addition to the members of the Group, Viktor Khangulov, Feodor Pissarenko, and Viktor Nikulin, of the Soviet Legation, were present.
5. [REDACTED] 25X1X
Archimandrite Sergei Vladimirovich Kazansky was born sixty years ago in Voronezh, USSR. In 1914 he left his native town for Baku, where he lived until he came to Beirut. He is married and has two daughters; one, an engineer, is married to an official of the Municipality of Moscow. The husband of the other is the captain of a ship in the Arctic. [REDACTED] considers Archimandrite Kazansky to be a "person of no significance" and evidently of mediocre education.

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Comment. Shulika was reported in November 1948 to be the head of the "Religious Section" of the Soviet Patriotic Group. B-3.

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